



IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE
LEGAL CLINIC

IRLC, refugees and COVID

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Refugee Protection Division

Remote hearing pilot project

In person refugee hearings

New practice notice



CHALLENGING NEGATIVES

REFUGEE APPEAL DIVISION

Strict timeline to file appeal (15 days after decision receipt)

Can request extension to file arguments, new evidence

JUDICIAL REVIEW at FEDERAL COURT

Strict timeline to file notice for leave (15 days after decision receipt)

New evidence is generally not permitted

COVID

Suspension periods, online filing, flexibility on certain rules



The Border and Refugees

Order in Council with the US

Safe Third Country Agreement

Budget Implementation Act

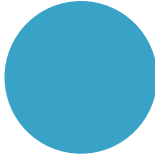
Immigration Refugee Legal Clinic (IRLC)

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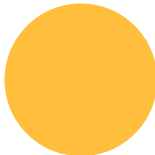
The Clinic was jointly created by the province and the Law Foundation of BC after the government's External Review of Legal Aid services recommended a refugee legal clinic be established to “take on urgent and complex cases” and supplement the legal aid system.

INDEPENDENT



The Clinic is an independent program funded by the Law Foundation of BC, housed at the ISS Welcome House.

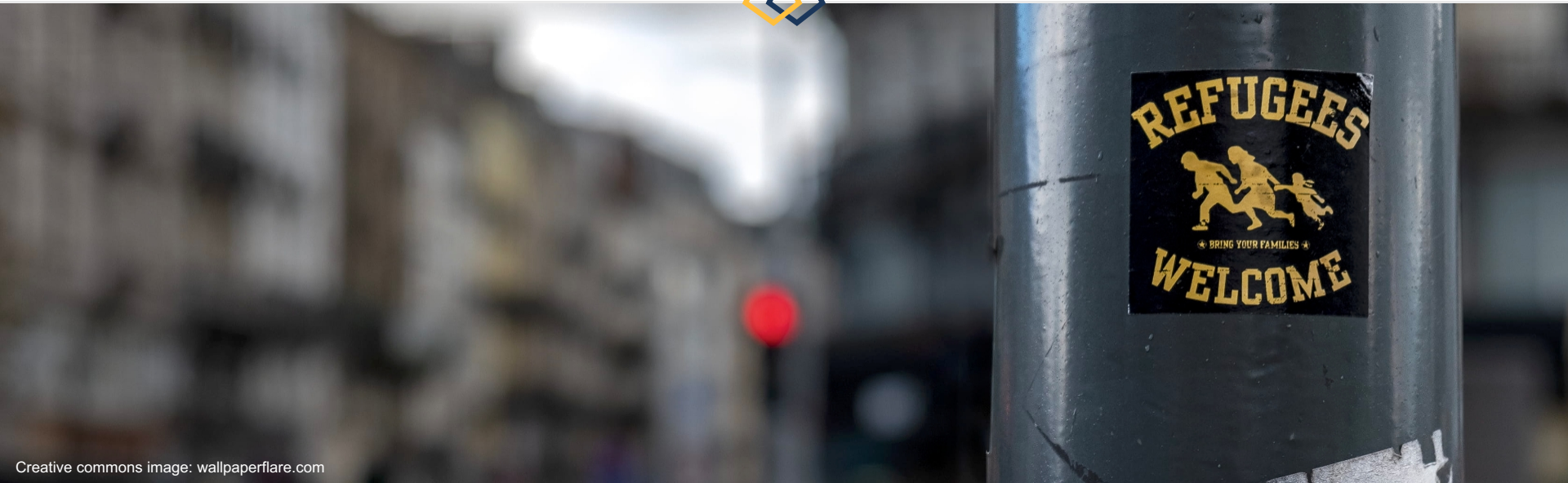
PROVINCE-WIDE SERVICE



We are the only legal clinic specializing in immigration and refugee matters in BC.

OUR VISION

We aim to reach those who often fall through the cracks of our legal system and provide them with excellent, respectful and caring legal advice and representation.





OUR GUIDING VALUES

LEGAL EXCELLENCE

We strive to maintain a high standard of legal excellence in all the work we do for our clients.

ACCESSIBILITY

We work to reduce barriers to accessing legal services, including linguistic, cultural, functional and physical barriers.

RESPECT AND CARE

Being an excellent lawyer must include treating your clients with dignity, respect and sensitivity.

WHAT WE DO

**LEGAL ADVICE AND
INFORMATION**

**REPRESENTATION AT
COURTS & TRIBUNALS**

SYSTEMIC LITIGATION

**ADVOCATING FOR
CHANGE**

**MENTORSHIP AND
EDUCATION**

OUR SERVICES



We prioritize providing full representation in litigation and on applications requiring legal submissions for individuals and families whose cases:

- are legally complex, or
- involve sensitive client care issues, or
- require immediate, urgent action

Issues we work on:

- judicial reviews at Federal Court of decisions from the Immigration and Refugee Board, Canada Border Services Agency, or Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada
- refugee claims and appeals
- applications requesting humanitarian and compassionate considerations
- inadmissibility cases at the Immigration Division and Immigration Appeal Division
- detention reviews at the Immigration Division
- sponsorship appeals at the Immigration Appeal Division
- applications to defer removal and motions to stay removal



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Questions?



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THANK YOU!

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